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> Dear Dr. Vogl:

> I would strongly recommend that body hair (excluding pubic hair) be included in the Federal Drug Testing program. I have been using hair testing for pre-employment drug screening in three of our John Deere Plants. Approximately 15% of the candidates had head hair that was too short to test. Body hair, normally axillary hair, enabled us to test all of these candidates. When we used urine for pre-employment drug testing our positive rate was approximately 3%. With hair testing, our positive rate was 14.5%. We did not get complaints about the methodology.

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